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Join Us for the CHHS Homecoming Alumni Cookout

Please join us at the 2014 CHHS Homecoming Alumni Cookout



Stop by the Academic Complex
during Homecoming Tailgating for
Food, Fun, Football & Friends!

November 8th, 2014

11:30am— 1:30pm

Academic Complex, Front Steps

FREE FOOD!

Baked Potatoes & Chili!

Stop by the Academic Complex to meet up with fellow CHHS Alumni & friends at the annual
College of Health and Human Services Alumni Cookout!

Saturday, November 8, 2014 11:30am – 1:30pm

Academic Complex, Front Steps (Next to South Lawn)

WKU, UPIKE competing in organ donor challenge through Nov. 8

Several student groups at WKU will be hitting the Hill to encourage students, faculty and staff to sign up on Kentucky's Organ Donor Registry between now and Nov. 8 as a part of the WKU vs. University of Pikeville Organ Donation Challenge.

The winner of the challenge will be announced at the WKU vs. UPIKE basketball game on Nov. 10. The Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) is providing support for the challenge.

Becoming an organ donor is simple; go <http://www.donatelifeky.org> and enter the information on your driver's license (Kentucky residents only). Be sure to select WKU/UPIKE Challenge – WKU FAN from the drop-down menu. If you are not a Kentucky resident, you can still help WKU in the challenge by filling out one of the paper forms that student groups will be handing out, and KODA will send the information to your state's registry.

By becoming an organ donor, you can save up to eight lives. For information on organ donation, visit <http://www.kyorgandonor.org/>.

Contact: Stacey Forsythe, (270) 745-7003.

Institute for Rural Health and the School of Nursing Participates in Health Fair for Homeless Population

**Original story available on BG Daily News. Please visit http://www.bgdailynews.com/news/hotel-inc-uses-grant-to-host-health-fair-at-riverwalk/article_foaba2cb-743f-518f-b6c7-7536285fad83.html to be taken directly to the story.*

By LAUREL WILSON The Daily News

Thomas Wheeler of Bowling Green is grateful for HOTEL INC's homeless outreach, which has provided him with meals, blankets, clothes and basic health services.

"They've done a lot for me," he said. "They've been excellent."

Thanks to a grant from WellCare of Kentucky, HOTEL INC hosted a health fair at the Riverwalk on Tuesday, which provided Wheeler and others who are homeless or precariously housed with services including health screenings, flu shots, blood work, dental care and vision tests.

"We've always had a medical component to our Tuesday homeless outreach, but a grant opportunity with WellCare of Kentucky has allowed us to expand our street medicine," said Rhondell Miller, executive director of HOTEL INC – an acronym for Helping Others Through Extending Love in the Name of Christ.

Each Tuesday when HOTEL INC volunteers bring resources to the homeless, nurses help check blood pressure, provide prescription assistance or make medical referrals, she said.

But the grant has allowed HOTEL INC to take things further by connecting homeless or precariously housed people directly with health services, Miller said. Since receiving the grant in July, HOTEL INC has helped 25 people get health insurance through Kynect, the state's health care exchange.

The grant lasts through December. Miller hopes it will pave the way for other grants that will allow HOTEL INC to keep expanding its street medicine outreach.

“We hope that by showing the need for street medicine, more grant opportunities will open,” she said.

Miller and HOTEL INC volunteer Ashleigh Stiles, who coordinates the street medicine program, attended training in June at the Street Medicine Institute in Pittsburgh to learn more about bringing health services to Bowling Green’s homeless population.

“As long as there are people in the streets and under the bridge, there will always be a need for health care in a different manner, so we’re trying to meet those needs and get them connected to the services they need,” Stiles said.

For Tuesday’s health fair, HOTEL INC partnered with a number of community organizations, including the The Medical Center Emergency Medical Services, the Barren River District Health Department, Kroger pharmacy, LifeSkills, the Bowling Green chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and nursing students from Western Kentucky University.

Matt Atkinson, an adjunct nursing instructor at WKU, said volunteering at the health fair shows nursing students “there’s more out in the community than just working in a hospital.”

“Nursing is the profession of compassion, and what better way to demonstrate your compassion than volunteering your time to help out people in need,” he said.

WKU nursing student Savannah Williams, a senior from Bowling Green, found it rewarding to help at the health fair. “It definitely shows you a lot of the population that you’re going to be seeing in the hospital when you’re a nurse,” she said.

— Follow reporter Laurel Wilson on Twitter at twitter.com/FaithinBG or visit bgdailynews.com.



Thomas Wheeler of Bowling Green has his blood drawn for testing by Registered Nurse Kenny Seaver (Institute for Rural Health’s PRN) at Hotel Inc’s Street Medicine Health Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014 in Bowling Green. (Austin Anthony/Daily News)

Family & Consumer Sciences Student Group Attends National Biennial Meeting

The Beta Delta Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron Chapter National Honor Society for Family and Consumer Sciences was well represented at the National Biennial Meeting in Boise, ID, September 25-27. Co-Presidents, Caitlynn Oberhausen and Aaron Armstrong (both Dietetics majors) represented the collegiate chapter and Dr. Martha C. Jenkins, FACS Professor Emerita and Retiring Professional Project Advisor, represented the Alumni Chapter.

Dr. Jenkins was also the recipient of the 2014 Bachtel-Holbrook National Collegiate Advisor Award. Mrs. Cindy Jones, FACS Instructor and Chapter Advisor, also represented the Beta Delta Chapter well, serving as Financeiaon. Melissa Martin, Beta Delta Alum has just been appointed Executive Director of Phi Upsilon Omicron. The Beta Delta collegiate chapter received the first place Professional Project Award for 2013 and the third place award for 2014. The chapter has received awards from the national organization for professional projects in 15 of the last 17 years--five of those being first place awards.



Picture (Left to Right)

Melissa Martin, Executive Director National Office; Cindy Jones, Beta Delta Chapter Advisor & National Finance Chair; Caitlynn Oberhausen and Aaron Armstrong, Co-Presidents, Beta Delta Chapter; Dr. Martha Jenkins, FACS Professor Emerita, Retiring Professional Project Advisor, and Recipient of the National Advisor Award, and Dr. Ann Beth Jenkins Presley, Beta Delta alumna, and former Phi Upsilon Omicron Educational Foundation Director.

PH Students Attend Annual LendingAge Meeting and Expo in Nashville

Parker Kuhn, Laura Allen, Brent Stephens, and Trevor Davis, public health students in the College of Health and Human Services, recently attended the annual LendingAge meeting in Nashville, TN. The annual meeting connects thousands of aging services professionals who are facing the same triumphs and challenges that you face every day. Attendees are able to choose from over 150 in-depth education sessions led by the best & brightest in aging services.



Left to Right: Parker Kuhn, Laura Allen, Brent Stephens and Trevor Davis preparing to take the virtual dementia tour at the 2014 LendingAge Meeting and Expo in Nashville, TN